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B.A., Sem.-VI

General English

(Text – India : A Journey Through Stories)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer in brief any **four** of the following questions : 8
- (1) Who was John Illingworth ? Why did he challenge Charles Bruce to a duel ?
 - (2) What caught the attention of Uncle Tarini in the auction house in Lucknow and how much did he pay to procure them ?
 - (3) What was the physical disability of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bhandari and how it caused embarrassment to the parents every day ?
 - (4) What did Bhandaris see when they went to the verandah ?
 - (5) Where did the grandfather bring Tutu from and why ? How much did he pay for her ?
 - (6) What did Tutu do when she felt that she would be caught and locked up once she got home ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following topics : 6
- (1) The supernatural element in the story *A Duel in Lucknow*
 - (2) Promodni
 - (3) Grandfather's love for pets
2. (A) Answer in brief any **four** of the following questions : 8
- (1) How did Captain Shaheen and the Indian soldiers feel after hearing the little boy's reply ?
 - (2) Describe Captain Shaheen's restaurant in New York.

- (3) Who invited the author to the restaurant and why ?
- (4) How did the girl welcome the author in the tent that served as the family's house ? Why did the author not drink the water offered by the girl ?
- (5) How did the life of the girl's family improve after moving to earthquake-hit Kutch ?
- (6) What did the author learn about the source of the water that the girl had offered her for drinking ? Why did she finally drink it with contentment ?

(B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following topics : **6**

- (1) The title of the story – *The Rams*
- (2) The title *Bonded by Bisleri*
- (3) The Kutch earthquake as a boon for the girl's family

3. Write a Press Report on any **one** of the following topics : **14**

- (1) Train Accident
- (2) Celebration of the Independence Day
- (3) Heavy Snowfall in Uttarakhand

4. Turn the following sentences into Indirect Speech : (any **seven**) **14**

- (1) Sonal said, "I am going to the market."
- (2) Hitesh said, "I have completed my task."
- (3) The teacher said, "You should study harder."
- (4) The doctor said, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."
- (5) Simran asked Yasmin, "Are you coming to the party ?"
- (6) She said, "Please pass me the salt."
- (7) Mother asked Kevin, "When will you be back ?"
- (8) My friend said, "I can help you with your project."
- (9) He asked me, "Have you finished your assignment ?"

5. Choose the correct option from those given under each statement and rewrite the sentences : (any seven)

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- (1) What was the name of the firm that made the pair of pistols used in the duel in Lucknow ?
- (a) Philip Manton (b) Charles Manton
(c) Joseph Manton (d) John Manton
- (2) Annabella was the daughter of Doctor _____.
- (a) George Drummond (b) Jeremiah Hudson
(c) Charles Bruce (d) Joseph Manton
- (3) The little girl in the house looked like a miniature _____.
- (a) jungle queen (b) spoilt brat
(c) coy rabbit (d) chatter box
- (4) The entire act of Mr. David ignoring the content written in the chit and rushing to meet Promodni was considered to be _____ by Mrs. Bhandari.
- (a) rude (b) impolite
(c) threatening (d) disturbing
- (5) Grandmother liked Rocky as Ruby's fiancé because of his _____.
- (a) good looks (b) good nature
(c) good manners (d) fine baritone voice
- (6) Aunt Ruby did not wish Tutu's presence around when she went to shop for _____.
- (a) her wedding dress (b) her engagement ring
(c) her wedding jewellery (d) a wedding gift for Rocky
- (7) Captain Shaheen had participated in the _____.
- (a) 1971 Indo-Pak War (b) 1965 Indo-Pak War
(c) 1962 Indo-China War (d) Kargil War

- (8) According to Captain Shaheen when you face your fear, you become familiar with it and then _____.
- (a) you acknowledge fear (b) you begin fearing more
(c) your fear ceases to be fear (d) you give up
- (9) A disastrous earthquake hit Kutch in Gujarat on _____.
- (a) January 21, 2002 (b) January 26, 2001
(c) January 19, 2001 (d) January 14, 2002
- (10) When the author was visiting fairly unknown places in the deep interior of Kutch, _____.
- (a) her car met with an accident
(b) she planned to visit one of the relief centres
(c) one of the tyres of her jeep went flat
(d) she stopped beside a relief camp to take a nap
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